



Friday
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Weekly Views



The dedication of Westville Correctional Facility's (WCC) EZ Room was the highlight of the week at the facility. In memory of Ms. Elaine Zschoche, DOC's 43 year employee, the WOW Room at WCC was renamed the EZ Room. Family and friends, including DOC retirees, were present for the dedication ceremony to celebrate the career of Ms. Zschoche. A beautiful cabinet, designed by WCC employee Alex McEathron, holds Ms. Zschoche's awards, certificates and accomplishments. (see photo left)

Spring is almost here and that means the 2011 ICPOF Golf Outing is quickly approaching. The tournament will be held on Friday, May 13, 2011 at Valle Vista Golf Course in Greenwood, Indiana. The golf outing is filling very fast, but there are still foursomes available. With that being said, spots will be given on a first come, first serve basis and will not be held without payment.

The Indiana Correctional Peace Officer Fund (ICPOF) Scholarships have all been personally delivered to each recipient. The 2011 Scholarship winners are: Elaine Zschoche \$2000 scholarship - Dylan Emanuel, son of Allen Emanuel, Madison Correctional Facility; Paul Moynahan \$2000 scholarship - Julie Haynes, correctional officer, Reception Diagnostic Center; Jerome Brewer \$2000 scholarship - Richelle Powers, daughter of Ronald Powers, Wabash Valley Correctional Facility; \$500 book scholarship - Daniel Gabbard, son of Jeffrey Gabbard, Putnamville Correctional Facility \$500 book scholarship - Linda Hough, correctional officer, Westville Correctional Facility; \$500 book scholarship - Chelsea Rhodes, daughter of Danette Rhodes, Chain O'Lakes Correctional Facility; \$500 book scholarship - Alexa Turkupolis, daughter of John Turkupolis, Parole District 1.

The Rockville Correctional Facility Building Maintenance program recently contributed a stair training platform for the facility's Indiana Canine Assistance Network (ICAN) program. The ICAN program offenders will use the stair platform to train their canines for special needs clients. The platform, constructed by four offenders in the Building Maintenance Program, took about two weeks to build. All materials were paid for by Ivy Tech Community College through the Building Maintenance class. The vocational program also recently contributed two picnic tables to a local elementary school with four more to come so that the students may study outside in warm weather, and Terre Haute's Habitat for Humanity received a shed built from scratch by the Building Maintenance class as well. (see photo below)

Community outreach has hit new highs at Wabash Valley Correctional Facility! Just released figures show Wabash's PLUS and Fatherhood Program participants donated nearly \$34,000 to area & state-wide charities and programs, many dedicated to helping children. Both programs are working to surpass that figure for 2011!

American Legion Post 130 offender organization from the Indiana State Prison received a plaque from the Child Welfare Foundation for donations they have made to that organization in the past few years. Also, the Sons of the American Legion from the Indiana State Prison donated \$1000 to the Child Welfare foundation. The check was presented to Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander Glenn Nagel.



Putnamville Correctional Facility held its Inmate Shelter Representative Meeting. In attendance were several Executive staff members along with other facility staff. Topics that were discussed included Commissary, R & R, Law Library, Apprenticeships Programs, and GED and college programs.

Twenty-seven volunteers attended Henryville Correctional Facility's Volunteer Recognition and Training. Attendees enjoyed a meal, followed by a decorated cake recognizing all of the facility's volunteers. During the event, the Freedom 101 program received the "Henryville Volunteer Program" of the Year Award. The program has been coming to Henryville for three years and graduated 14 more offenders just last weekend. Freedom 101 is a cognitive thinking program that has made a significant impact on the offender population at Henryville.

Indiana State Prison held a Recognition Ceremony for offenders who have completed the Standard Pre-Release Orientation Program (SPOP). Offenders stated that the program taught them to never give up, that people do care, how to prepare a resume, and how to deal with stress. Superintendent Wilson spoke to the men and gave them encouragement to make the right choices.

Former Indiana University football standout Anthony Thompson visited Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) to speak with Youth Incarcerated as Adults (YIA) offenders, sharing his message of hope and how he overcame life's hurdles to achieve success on and off the field. The Heisman Trophy Runner-Up's inspiring presentation marked the first of a new Wabash Speakers Series, specifically addressing the WVCF youthful offender population.